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25X1 1. [] (GLC) Talked with Fred Mesmer, Senate Immigration Subcommittee staff, and Ben Mandel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, on the best way of having a private bill introduced for [] who testified on several occasions before the Internal Security Subcommittee. Mesmer said he saw no reason why such a bill would not go through the Senate Subcommittee, however, as a matter of approach he suggested that the initiative come from the Internal Security Subcommittee. (Senator Eastland is Chairman of the Immigration Subcommittee and the Internal Security Subcommittee as well as being Chairman of the full Judiciary Committee.) Mandel said he was certain that Senator Eastland would introduce the bill but suggested that if possible a letter from a prominent individual who knows [] be addressed to the Chairman. He felt this would be a good vehicle for getting action started. This will be discussed further internally.

25X1 I also chatted with Mesmer about the RFE naturalization problem pointing out our feeling that general legislation was not feasible and was subject to attack on constitutional grounds. However, we see no objection to the admission of a reasonable number of individual private bills each year for those individuals who had been admitted for permanent residence but were working for RFE abroad. Mesmer agreed completely with our position on this. He added that Chairman Eastland was steadfastly opposed to any general amendment of this sort feeling that it would open the door for other Senators to submit additional amendments which would destroy much of the force and effect of the Immigration and Naturalization Act.

I also talked with Mesmer regarding the [] case. 25X1 I alerted Mesmer (as I had the House Subcommittee) to the fact that we were double checking information of a very derogatory nature in connection with this bill which is now pending on the House calendar. Mesmer was completely unconcerned as far as the Subcommittee was concerned about the possibility of this bill being killed. He added that it was not unusual for additional information to be received after one house had passed on a private bill and before another one took final action.

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